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§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2121**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Hoi Yeung Chan, et al.**Examiner:** Joseph P. Hirl**Serial No:** 09/916,943**Art Unit:** 2121**Filed:** July 27, 2001**Docket:** YOR920000717US1 (14033)**For:** CONFLICT-HANDLING  
ASSIMILATOR SERVICE  
FOR EXCHANGE OF RULES  
WITH MERGING**Dated:** September 8, 2004**Confirmation No:** 8815Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued July 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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